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During this period I have tried to get a handle on how dynamic separations occurs in various flow configuration and how the parameterspace influences these results. My work in this area included numerous 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional configurations and extensively used flow visualization methods. Furthermore, I tried a concept of stall control based on the premise that dynamic and static stall control are equivalent. I believe my work has proven the concept. In addition, the usefulness of dynamic stall for the hovering flight of insects has been demonstrated. My work in this period has been greatly enhanced by a leave of absence from the University of Colorado to the Seiler Laboratory, USAF Colorado Springs, where I was able to construct numerous experiments on hovering flight.

Numerous publications during this period and up to this time demonstrate best what has been accomplished, a list of which forms the meat of this report. I also enclose a recent talk which I presented at the workshop on the physics of unsteady separation at NASA-Ames in April 1990 and which contains the basic conclusions from my contract work.

In summary: In my judgement, the period August '88 to August '89 has been particularly successful in my research efforts on dynamic stall. A list of relevant publications (all publications are available upon request) and an enclosed workshop paper, document and sum up my activities.

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